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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

SKEIKY and GUDERIAN

Application No.: 09/684,215

Filed: October 6, 2000

For: METHODS OF USING A  
MYCOBACTERIUM TUBERCULOSIS  
CODING SEQUENCE TO FACILITATE  
STABLE AND HIGH YIELD  
EXPRESSION OF THE  
HETEROLOGOUS PROTEINS

Examiner: Liu, Samuel Wei

Art Unit: 1653

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 17, 2003, please enter the following amendments and remarks. A petition for extension of time to respond for one month, from July 17, 2003, to August 17, 2003, is filed concurrently.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.